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Re: Application of Patrick CHOQUET, Daniel CHALEIX
METHOD FOR COATING THE SURFACE OF A METAL MATERIAL,
DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD AND PRODUCT
OBTAINED IN THIS MANNER
Assignee: USINOR
Our Ref: Q86074

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 3 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-6).
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☐ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, a Form PTO-1595 w/executed Assignment, a PTO/SB/08 A & B listing the references cited in the International Search Report will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report and the certified priority document will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.



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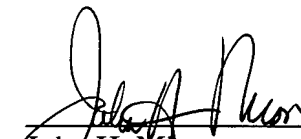
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Priority is claimed from:

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Respectfully submitted,



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